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NEGRO EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS

Most Successful Meeting of the Organization Held at Washington, D. C. Last Week.

One hundred and fifty of the most prominent colored educators of the United States came together Wednesday at Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal church, Fifteenth and M streets northwest, for the opening sessions of the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Negro National Educational Congress, which will continue through Saturday.

The gathering is a most important one, and the subjects to be discussed are of the most immediate interest to all colored citizens of the country. Instruction in all branches as applied to colored persons, the courses which should be prescribed and what development may be expected in future as a result of educational uplift will engage the attention of the delegates.

Another matter of great importance which will come up for debate, is the possibility of electing colored men to Congress. The opinion of the delegates, as brought out in yesterday's symposium, is that the election of colored representatives from Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis is feasible, and perhaps one from a New York district. The educators believe that in the event of such elections colored instruction throughout the country would be better systematized than now and that great benefit to the race would result.

How to Increase Earnings.

H. P. Cheatham, former Representative from North Carolina, and now superintendent of the Childs Industrial School at Oxford, N. C., delivered the most important address of the opening sessions last night. His subject was "How Can the Earning Power of the Negro Race Be Increased?" He brought out interesting facts as to the fine results achieved by practical education in many cases and urged better adapted and more numerous courses of instruction for colored persons in the United States. Mr. Cheatham paid tribute to Booker T. Washington and other well-known colored educators.

The 150 delegates were appointed by governors of the several states and form a most representative gathering, coming from every section of the country.

At the opening session yesterday morning the president of the Congress, Prof. J. Silas Harris, of Missouri, was taken suddenly ill, and Dr. Crossland, foreign minister and consul general to Liberia, called the meeting to order, and after brief remarks introduced Col. George T. Wason as the presiding officer of the session. Miss M. M. W. Arter, of West Virginia, acted as temporary secretary. By unanimous vote of the Congress, Samuel Z. C. Westfield, of Nebraska, was elected official reporter of the meetings.

Some of the Addresses.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Rev. C. H. Steptoe and Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, president of the National Training School for Girls. Music was furnished by the E. Azalia Hockley chorus; cornet solo by W. C. Chase, Jr.; organ voluntary, Prof. William Braxton. Responses to the addresses of welcome were made by Dr. J. R. A. Crossland of Missouri, and Nelson C. Crews of Kansas City, Mo. The latter struck the keynote when he expressed his views as to the methods to be taken to stem the tide of oppression. He said:

"Change the power of the source and its effects of evil will cease." Word was brought from the West to the effect that residents of that section are awakening to the race's need for a fair and square deal at the hands of the nation's hand.

Henry P. Cheatham, in his address on "How to Increase the Earning Power of the Negro," said the race must make friends for itself among those of the other race, by being conservative, gentle and friendly. Instances were cited to show the good that could be obtained. Further, he said it was not a time for force and arms, but rather peaceful and quiet methods should be pursued; that is, stop and think as to the best way. Thus can the problem be settled.

Visitors to the congress include Dr. J. A. Cotton, president of Henderson Normal Institute, Henderson, N. C.; the Rev. David Johnson, of Washington, and others. The secretary, Mrs. Julia Embry, of Colorado Springs, Col., arrived on an evening train.

Program for Thursday.

The sessions will be held at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. At this morning's session a special address will be delivered by President Benjamin F. Allen, of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., on the subject, "Where the Emphasis Should Be Placed in Modern Education." Other topics to be taken up for symposiums at the morning and afternoon meetings are, "How can the alarming death rate among Negroes be checked?" and "Should the education of the Negro and white youth be identical?"

Comes Out for Hughes.

The Negro education convention last night adopted a resolution endorsing Hughes and Fairbanks, taking the ground that "race progress has been retarded under Democratic rule," and hence that in order that their race

"may at least enjoy an equal chance in the race for life," the party now in control must be shorn of power.

The resolution, which was reported from the committee on resolutions by Dr. J. R. A. Crossland, the chairman, was discussed at length earlier in the day, but a vote on its adoption was deferred until a larger attendance of delegates could pass on it. A spirited discussion marked the proceedings, but it finally was adopted without dissent.

The resolution runs as follows:

"Whereas the condition of the American Republic has been made almost intolerable in consequence of the Democratic misrule and graver than it has been in the history of the government, and,

"Whereas the continuation of that party in power would threaten the existence of our most cherished institutions, and,

"Whereas the splendid and patriotic record of the race in peace and war demands a fair chance,

"Therefore we appeal to the patriotic men and women of the race to give their united support to Hughes and Fairbanks for President and Vice President of the United States. Not for the purpose of taking from any race of men their God-given immunities of human endeavor, but that we may at least enjoy an equal chance in the race of life under the flag of a common country."

Training for Colored Youth.

The question "Should the Education of the Negro and White Youth Be Identical?" was taken up at the morning session, Prof. J. E. Bonner, principal of Peabody School, Wilmington, N. C., leading in the discussion. He was followed by J. B. Dudley, presi-



Prof. J. Silas Harris, one of the race's foremost educators, and unanimously re-elected in Washington last week president of the National Negro Educational Congress.

dent of Agricultural and Mechanical College, Greensboro, N. C., who differed from Prof. Bonner, saying that each one had particular environments and characteristics which must be trained and cultivated. Prof. Jayson, president of the State College, Dover, Del., brought forth cheers when he said: "Give the Negro a chance as long as you can and as full a training as you can. It is impossible to teach a boy scientific agriculture until that boy has learned to read and write. That is, the foundation must first be laid, and for industrial education the training is just the same up to a certain point. Beyond that point the boy or girl begins to specialize and emphasis is given to one line of work. Give him the best start possible."

A resolution was offered by Col. George T. Wason to the effect that the congress endorse Hughes and Fairbanks for President and Vice President, but after a lengthy discussion, a substitute was offered. It was contended that the aims of the congress were too broad and too important to allow politics to be injected. Nelson Crews of Kansas City made an appeal for the passage of the original resolution, saying that all right thinking colored men believed in it and favored it. Because of an incomplete roll of delegates a vote on the resolution was deferred until a later session.

Address by Bishop Ross.

A distinguished visitor to the congress was introduced in the person of Bishop I. N. Ross of the A. M. E. church. He made a short address, saying in part as follows:

"I assure you this has been very refreshing to me. I have been so much engrossed in my business that I have employed two and three secretaries, and I failed even to realize until this morning that you were in session. I feel that I owe it to myself to pay respects to such a distinguished body of educators and race builders."

"I have the right as an American citizen, who for 36 years has stood in the forefront championing the cause of the rights of men, to say that out of one blood God created all men to dwell upon the face of the earth, one rule to regulate the actions of men."

"Anything that savors of difference or discrimination is a traversal or reversal of the principles instituted by the King of Kings. Everything the white man has the black man ought to have. The only way to solve this question is, faith in God, right living, spiritual column and manhood. Turn on the headlight to find the path of duty and follow it unerringly to the end. With

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Accompanists.

Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Principal, Maj. N. Clark Smith Director.

faith in God, march on, saying as you go, 'Give me liberty or give me death.'"

Plan to Provide Books on Race.

A proposition was offered by President Harris relative to having literature of the colored race placed in libraries throughout the country to be used as supplementary literature to our already large storehouse of Negro books. Those taking part in the discussion were Prof. Jayson, Prof. Craves of Missouri and Editor J. Finley Wilson. Mrs. Julia M. Layton spoke on the National Memorial Association, its work and scope. Prof. Vance of Missouri moved that a committee be appointed to compile the very best books, to be kept and used as supplementary literature. The motion carried. The committee consisted of Prof. Vance, Dr. Dudley of North Carolina and Prof. Jayson of Delaware.

A resolution was adopted creating a salary of \$2,400 for the president of the Congress, he to devote all his time to travel and organizing branches of the Congress in the various states. It was the greatest session of the Educational Congress ever held, and Washington turned out en masse to its various meetings. The notable speeches of the Congress were delivered by Bishop I. N. Ross, Hon. Nelson C. Crews, Kansas City, Mo.; Ex-Congressman Henry P. Cheatham of

North Carolina, Dr. C. H. Steptoe and President J. Silas Harris. A very able address was also delivered Friday night by Congressman Dyer of the St. Louis district.

Officers Are Re-elected.

All officers of the congress were re-elected, including J. Silas Harris, of Missouri, as president, and Mrs. Julia Embry as recording secretary, and Samuel Z. C. Westfield, reporter. The president was given the power to fill all vacancies. Prof. H. B. Wallace of Carthage, Mo., spoke on the subject, "The progress of the Negro checked by shortsightedness." Invocation was delivered by the Rev. B. F. Watson, secretary of church extension A. M. E. Church. A declaration was given by Henrietta Victor Davis. Prof. John W. Cromwell addressed the congress. Other speakers were Prof. F. E. Lawrence of Chester, Pa.; Dr. S. B. Dudley of North Carolina and the Rev. William Cabot De Berry of North Carolina.

Miss Nannie Burroughs, president of the National Training School, said, "Just give a man a chance, then no matter where the man is or to what race he belongs he will be a man looking onward and upward."

Judge Robert H. Terrell of this city was introduced. He said: "I am very glad this congress met here, because this is Federal territory, belonging to the thousands of people making up

Hurrah! Ebenezer Church Choir Carnival and Contest at Lincoln Electric Park, Sept. 4 to 8, is the next and last crowning event of the season.

This will be the greatest aggregation of music ever staged in the West. Every Negro Choir in 75 miles of Kansas City have been invited to participate in this contest.

Two hundred dollars will be given away in prizes as follows: First, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10. The choirs from the following cities have entered: Atchison, Leavenworth, St. Joseph, Topeka, Argentine, Kansas City, Kan., Independence and Kansas City, Mo. A special solo will be sung each evening by each choir in the contest for which a separate prize of \$10 will be given to the best soloist for the series. Under the management of Rev. W. C. Williams and Prof. B. J. Knox.

BRAVE OFFICER SHOT

Officer Walter Howard One of the Best Colored Officers in this Country and a Terror to Crooks, Thugs and Evil-doers Seriously Wounded in an Encounter with Two Ex-convicts.

He is improving nicely and will recover.

Police Officer Walter Howard, one of the gamest and most courageous officers, white or black, in this country, and Officer T. W. Wright (white) were shot and seriously wounded in an encounter with two Negro burglars, both ex-convicts, William Hammonds of St. Louis and Ed Turner of this city. Howard was at home, off duty, when the shooting between Officer Wright and the burglars began, and loyal to his oath and obligations as an officer, grabbed his revolver and ran to the assistance of his brother officer, who had already been felled with a bullet in his arm and one in his side. Officer Howard was not inclined to kill the burglar and made the almost fatal mistake of giving him an opportunity to surrender, but the burglar grabbed the officer's revolver and quicker than a flash fired point blank at him twice, one bullet grazing his chin, making a flesh wound, the other entering his chest and penetrating his left lung, but Howard never ceased firing until he and Officer Black, who ran up, brought the burglar to the ground, wounded three times.

Howard was immediately rushed to the General Hospital, where an X-ray was taken to locate the bullet, which was later removed by his physician.



OFFICER WALTER HOWARD.

and was then taken to the Wheatley-Provident Hospital, where he is resting nicely, with every indication that he will be out again in a few days. Officer Howard has been a terror to evildoers in whatever district he has been assigned and it is that class that are rejoicing over his temporary disability. He is a crack shot and an all around athlete and has ever been loyal and courteous to his superior officers. He is a brother of Mrs. Theodore Clay and a nephew of Elsie Pence, the well known barber, and comes from one of the oldest and best families in Jackson county. He is married, lives at 1314 Olive street, where he owns a comfortable little home, is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of Allen Chapel, and The Sun believes that only justice and proper credit would be done if the commissioners should confer upon him the rank of sergeant for his courage and the splendid record he has made in the many years he has been upon the police force.

this cosmopolitan government. This is your city; this is the Capital of the Federal government; this is your Capital—the black man's Capital as well as the white man's Capital. The Federal flag floats over our republic, and it is your flag as well as the white man's flag. Of course, there is suffering by this people of ours, but all races that have made their way to the front have suffered. Victory does not come on flowery beds of ease, but through toll. New arrivals at the congress include Dr. A. A. Wyche, Dr. S. J. Eldridge and Prof. S. B. Pride, all of Charlotte, N. C.

Sessions of the congress will be held today at 10 a. m., 2 p. m. and 8 p. m., with Nelson Crews of Missouri scheduled to deliver the principal address of the evening session.—Washington Post.

COL. GEORGE THOMPSON DEAD.

The sudden death of Col. George E. Thompson, whose body was found in a sitting posture on his porch last Thursday morning, August 24, by neighbors about 6 o'clock a. m., indicated that he had evidently been dead an hour. Possibly no other Negro in Kansas City was any better known than the Colonel, as he had many friends among both white and colored people. He was quite active in politics and an ardent worker in fraternal orders, chief among which was Dionysius Lodge No. 70, K. of P. He was also a member of the U. B. P. For nine consecutive seasons he was elected by the members of the K. of P. as representative to the grand lodge, and received the title, "Colonel," from the fact that he was at one time colonel on the staff of the Governor. The only known relatives left to mourn his loss are a wife, nephew and uncle. He was born in Grand Rapids, Mich., December 15, 1866.

SOCIETY LADIES OF CHICAGO HAVE CAUGHT THE "WALKING THE DOG" CRAZE

North Shore Folks of Fashion Accused of Starting New Craze by "Squatting Like Frogs" Dancing Masters of Chicago in Session at Hotel Blackstone Protest

MUST HAVE "CLEAN AND PROPER" DANCES

"Walkin' the dog," the new hooshy-koochy tango that the North Shore sassiest folks stole from the "black and tan" cabarets of South State street, and other muscle dances engaged in by ladies of the smart set, have fallen under the ban of the American National Association of Dancing Masters.

Further, the dancing masters accuse the silk-socks of being responsible for the craze for the "chemise-wobble" and other negligee dances, which the police stop when cotton-socks try to imitate them in neighborhood dance halls.

The dancing masters last night extended an invitation to the sassiest muscle dancers to attend their next convention and learn to dance properly. Dancing without moving the feet is not "proper dancing," say the dancing masters. North Shore tango hounds have not been interviewed on whether or not they will accept the invitation.

In the announcement of the invitation sent to the smart set from the Blackstone hotel, where the dance masters have been meeting, they say: "Recognized social leaders will be told just how they are directly responsible for the toleration of many of the improper dances which have been more or less in vogue lately. It will be pointed out to them that no dance, good, bad or indifferent, is considered, the proper thing to do even in the lowest cabaret dance halls, until society folks have publicly accepted it by allowing it to have a place on their dance program."

All of which is a nice way of letting the ladies of the North Shore know that when they "squat like a frog" at the Casino club the Judy O'Grady of the Murphy Good Time club, who get their dancing where 25 cents and not social standing is the admission fee, will likewise "squat like a frog."

And when the ladies of fashion kick their legs around during the acrobatics of the "chemise dance" the department store girls at the Saturday night dance will also kick their legs

around and prove that "they're silk all the way up."

"Walkin' the dog" is one of the dances particularly hit by the dancing masters. "The dog" was the invention of the colored smart set that cares not who watches them taking their exercise in the district along South State street bounded by 30th and 35th streets.

There was a great roar from the reformers when the Herald and Tribune printed stories of the new Negro dance. Mayor Thompson received a batch of kicks from the church and the purity of associations against the town going to the "dog."

Sassiest also read of it. But they didn't roar. Here was the promise of a new thrill. The tango had lost its speed. Nothing intoxicating about it any more for the wise Lady of Fashion. So they began quietly sneaking out to South State street to look the new dance over. They tried it and discovered the "kick" of a champagne cocktail in it.

Then the Stratford hotel and other loop dance parlors hired colored gents to teach the dainty North Shore ladies the queer muscle movements of the new dance. The ladies began hopping like frogs. The new dance was made. Meanwhile South State street cabarets were losing their license because of the new dance.

Mose Christensen, chairman of the publicity committee of the dancing masters, in speaking of the invitation to the sassiest folks, said:

"We certainly do not intend to try to tell the ladies and gentlemen who attend these meetings what they must and must not do, no indeed."

"We will simply let them know that this organization was formed primarily for the purpose of bettering humanity as much as possible, through clean dancing and a proper education in dancing. That every member of this organization, which is 33 years old, is required, upon initiation, to take a solemn pledge to teach only worthy dances—dances free from all objectionable features."—Chicago Day Book.

Emanuel Commandery Wins

"Brings Home the Bacon" from Chicago by Winning First Prize \$250.00 in the Knights Templar Competitive Drill Contest.

Emanuel Commandery Drill Team attended the International Conference of Knights Templars at Chicago, Ill., last week and won the first prize in the drill contest. Their alignment was perfect and Geo. A. Johnson, Captain General, had his men under good control and with the assistance of that gallant and soldierly Senior Warden, Sam M. Winston, Emanuel brought back the well deserved honors which makes them the best drill team in America. Hurrah for Emanuel Drill team. The following members of the Emanuel Commandery were present: Geo. A. Johnson, L. Partette, W. C. Mallory, Wm. Richardson, Dr. Cooper, L. L. Shephard, Columbus Jones, Wm. Tooley, W. T. Barbour, John Powell, F. C. Scott, W. D. Lewis, W. E. Baker, Joe Owens, S. M. Winston, H. W. Hart, Frank Martin, Simon Lee, C. R. Harte, R. J. Moore, Chas. Gillis, Thos. Jones, Thos. Watson, M. Trummel, W. T. Jones, Ralph Bass, O. Greene, Mose Daniels, W. G. Mosely, N. C. Crews, Henry Fowler.

GRAND BARBECUE PICNIC at the LINCOLN ELECTRIC PARK

LABOR DAY—Sept. 4

Speeches by the leading men of Missouri and Kansas

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***** With this issue of The Sun we begin our ninth year as Editor of this fearless race journal and desire to thank each and every one of our advertisers, subscribers and friends for the loyal support given us during these years and pledge you that during the coming fiscal year The Sun shall shine "brighter and fairer" than ever before.

NELSON C. CREWS.

NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOLDS GREATEST SESSION

K. C. Entertains Royally

The eighteenth annual session of the National Medical Association which was held in Kansas City, August 22-24, 1916, was, in many respects, the greatest in the history of the organization.

At the Y. M. C. A. the Medical, Surgical, Dental and Pharmaceutical sections met in separate sessions which were full of interest and enthusiasm. The papers read and discussed at the meetings gave evidence of the high order of scientific study and investigation which now characterizes the work of the Negro physician, dentist and pharmacist in all parts of the country.

The clinics held at the City Hospital were large and varied. It was the unanimous opinion of the visiting delegates that more abundant and better organized clinical material and facilities were offered the association in Kansas City than in any other city they had visited.

The same standard was maintained in the entertainment features provided for the public and for the delegates. It was impossible for the delegates to attend all of the functions given in their honor. Kansas City had one of the largest weeks, socially, in her history.

The sessions closed Thursday afternoon, August 24th, with the election of the following officers:

D. W. Byrd, M. D., Norfolk, Va., president.

C. Johnson, D. D. S., Birmingham, Ala., first vice president.

A. G. Wallace, Ph. G., Okmulgee, Okla., second vice president.

W. G. Alexander, M. D., Orange, N. J., general secretary.

L. E. Baller, M. D., Kansas City, Mo., assistant secretary.

J. R. Levy, M. D., Florence, S. C., treasurer.

A. Marquesa, D. D. S., Helena, Ark., dental secretary.

W. H. Huff, Ph. G., Chicago, Ill., pharmaceutical secretary.